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1. The Chinese Communist 38 and 39 Armies moved from the west front to the west central front on 2 October. The purpose of the movement was to avoid conflict between the Chinese Communists and the North Koreans in the west sector. Ch'oe Hyon, commanding general of the North Korean II Corps, was ordered to P'yongyang and instructed to put forth more effort to prevent conflicts between his troops and the Chinese Communists. During September there were 20 cases of minor skirmishes between the Chinese Communists and the North Koreans, resulting in death of 3 North Korean officers and 6 North Korean and 18 Chinese Communist enlisted men.
2. The North Korean and Chinese Communist Joint Operations Board held a staff meeting on 1 October. The board discussed the North Korean promise to supply food to the Chinese Communists in North Korea. The Chinese Communists were irritated because the North Koreans were failing to carry out their promise. The North Koreans charged the Chinese Communists with poor handling of the war. The Chinese Communist representatives stated that the North Koreans were responsible for the exchange of fire between the Chinese Communists and the North Koreans, but the North Koreans said the humiliating tactics employed by the Chinese Communists caused the conflict. The Chinese Communists threatened to report all the facts to Moscow and Peking. The North Koreans stated they would rather fight the war alone now. The result of the meeting was the appointment of PAK Il-u as chairman of a sub-committee to iron out the differences between the Chinese Communist and North Korean staffs.
3. In early October, the North Korean I Corps dispatched two additional regiments to Kaepung-gun (126-36, 38-05) (BT 9017) to repel a United Nations offensive. General PAK Yung-yul, former instructor of the Yoeryong Military Academy, was appointed commanding general in charge of North Korean guerrilla warfare. The North Korean Army has organized three additional units of about battalion size which were receiving battle training on the western front in early October.

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